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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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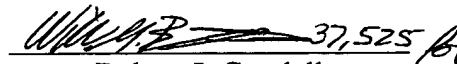
a. Unexamined Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-127297. The relevance of this document is discussed at pages 4 and 5 of the specification of the present application.

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